

# Sustainability Statement

## For Business Partners of the Rabobank Group



Rabobank

Rabobank believes that sustainable development is a condition for future prosperity. It seeks to contribute to this with its activities. It respects the culture and customs of the countries where it operates, insofar as these do not conflict with its own objectives and core values. It provides outstanding financial services to members and clients in conformity with the core values of its own Rabobank Group Code of Conduct: respect, integrity, professionalism and sustainability. These values are the starting point for our internal operations, how we meet the needs of our clients and our attitude towards our environment.

Rabobank recognizes that it has the opportunity to create positive environmental and social impacts, but that it also has risks associated with the potential negative impacts of its own operations and those of its clients and other entities with which it does business, such as suppliers and parties with which Rabobank enters into alliances (also referred to below as 'business partners').

The commitment to sustainable development is described in the Rabobank Sustainability Policy Framework. The most current version of the policies is published on the corporate website of Rabobank<sup>[1]</sup>.

Rabobank expects from its business partners that they support the Rabobank Sustainability Policy Framework by acting in accordance with the following core policies.

### Core policies

#### Environment

Our business partners are expected to know and take into account the potential impact of their activities on the environment and seek to avoid or, when avoidance is not possible, minimize these impacts. They are expected to have appropriate policies and programs to prevent and mitigate adverse impacts.

#### Human Rights

All business partners are expected to respect and promote human rights as described in the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights in their business decisions, and are expected to use their influence with their suppliers to do the same. For unavoidable adverse impacts, they are expected to provide for and cooperate in remediation through legitimate processes.

#### Labor Standards

All business partners are expected to respect and promote labor standards as described in the International Labor Organization Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work and related conventions. They are expected to do so in their own operations, and to use their influence with their suppliers to do the same. For unavoidable adverse impacts, they are expected to provide for and cooperate in remediation through legitimate processes.

#### Anti-Corruption

Business partners are expected to apply high standards of honesty and integrity consistently across their global operations and in all their business dealings. Rabobank operates according to its corporate values and is committed to preventing corruption and bribery in all its forms and does not tolerate it in its own business or in those with whom Rabobank does business.

<sup>[1]</sup> <https://www.rabobank.com/en/images/sustainability-policy-framework.pdf>

Rabobank has formulated this Sustainability Statement for all its suppliers and other business partners. The business partner declares that it:

- has taken due notice of the Rabobank Sustainability Policy Framework;
- agrees to comply with the Sustainability Statement, including the above core policies, current at the time of signing;
- confirms that it has integrated a process of identifying, preventing, mitigation and being accountable for material sustainability impacts in its operations. This includes having in place purchasing guidelines that pay attention to the sustainability issues in its supply chains, and that where relevant also include the sustainability issues as identified in Rabobank's theme and sector policies;
- commits to operating in line with the above mentioned policies and informs Rabobank in case of (partially, or temporarily) not meeting these policies;
- will do its utmost best to constructively and proactively cooperate in verification and reporting by independent third parties, to the extent reasonably necessary and permitted by applicable law, (professional) rules and/or regulations .